

NORFOLK BOASTS FINE CONDITION

Figures Show That It Has Prospered During the Past Year.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., January 1.—Statistics, where available to-day, show that during the past year Norfolk has advanced materially along every line, and can rightfully boast to be one of the solidest and most progressive cities of the entire South. The following figures will be read with general interest:

Estimated population, 70,130; building operations, as reported to the building inspector's office, \$2,101,712, against \$1,375,850 last year; earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railway, \$1,775,000, against \$1,575,000 last year; total number of arrests, 9,240, or nearly 2,000 less than in 1907.

Real estate deals recorded during the year show that there were 4,942 transfers of real estate. Cotton receipts, 354,725 bales. Fire alarms during the year, 352, and value of property destroyed, \$236,785.01. In the post-office department, 2,885 money orders were issued and 4,408 paid, and the amount paid out was over \$11,000 in excess of the collection year. The receipts of the office have yet to be totaled, but will exceed those of any previous year in the history of the local department.

Resumes of the year by leading real estate men show that, barring the year of 1906, there has not been so much activity in real estate in years. Values have attained their normal again, following the exhibition boom and steady investments are being made in Norfolk dirt, it paying good dividends where properly improved. The steady increase in the number of homes owned by residents is one of the remarkable features.

Reviews of the year from a health standpoint by Health Commissioner Dupuy shows that the health conditions of the city have been admirable in every respect. There has been little in the way of contagious diseases to contend with, and the death-rate was 17.8, the lowest in many years. The white death-rate was 18.5, while that of the colored population is over 20.

BANKERS BANQUET.

Officers and Employees of Farmville Financial Circle Make Merry.

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FARMVILLE, Va., January 1.—One of the pleasantest occasions of the Christmas holidays was a banquet given at Hotel Prince Edward last night by the officers of the Citizens' State Bank to those of the other three banking institutions of Farmville. It has been the custom for several years for the banks of this town to assemble for the Christmas holidays, each institution taking its turn at being host. Last night President E. Scott Martin, of the Citizens' Bank, presided. He welcomed the guests, and after a sumptuous supper had been enjoyed responses were made by one member from each of the banks.

Mr. Walker Scott, cashier of the Planters' Bank, was the first speaker. He reviewed the history of that institution, and urged the co-operation of all the banks of the town. Mr. Scott was followed by Dr. Peter Winston, who spoke for the First National Bank. The toastmaster then called upon Dr. W. E. Anderson to speak for Farmville's youngest banking institution, the People's National. Dr. Anderson responded, and then Mr. Robert K. Brock spoke in behalf of the Citizens' State Bank. This concluded the evening's entertainment, and the three banks and more of guests departed with the wish that there may be many happy returns of so delightful an occasion.

WORK NEARS COMPLETION.

Virginia Railroad Means Much to the Port of Norfolk.

NORFOLK, January 1.—One of the most important and scheduled events for Norfolk during the new year is the completion of the Virginia Railroad terminals and piers at Sewell's Point. The work of putting up the great steel piers, from which thousands of tons of coal will be annually shipped, is progressing rapidly, and the substantial character of the work is being evidenced by the fact that the pier is a great factor in building up the port. It is expected that the next ninety days will see the entire structure complete and the road in operation along its entire length, or the greater portion of it. The investment represents an outlay of \$400,000, and the entire length will be 42 miles, and the line will tap the richest coal sections of Virginia and West Virginia.

The magnitude of the work at Sewell's Point can only be recognized by observation. The great alone piers, higher than any building in the State, and the mighty steel work being erected thereon, seem to be almost impossible in magnitude.

Stores Are Robbed.

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MANASSAS, Va., January 1.—Walter Shannon's drug store, the clothing establishment of Criger & Camper and the general merchandise store of S. T. Weir were entered by burglars last night. Entrance to each of the stores was effected through a back window. Mr. Shannon's cash register was opened and \$125 in silver taken. Forty-six cents in pennies were stolen from Mr. Weir's money drawer. So far as has been ascertained nothing was taken from Criger & Camper's store.

The burglars were evidently after money, as the goods in the stores were not molested. They left no clue by which identification might be made.

Several signs were cut out of the blinds of a back window in the store of V. C. Nurgene and the blinds opened, but the burglars did not get into the store.

President's Reception.

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ROANOKE, Va., January 1.—President L. E. Johnson, of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, held his annual reception to-day. He was assisted in receiving by General Manager Alford. The 2,000 employees called, and after extending the usual wishes were served with refreshments in the directors' room.

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CURRENT SWEEPS BOYS TO DEATH

They Drive Into Roanoke River and Their Wagon Is Overturned.

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ROANOKE, Va., January 1.—Clarence and Luther, two and eighteen-year-old sons of Mr. Robert Dent, were drowned in Roanoke River to-day. The father had purchased a farm in Bedford County, and the boys would take the two-year-old brother, Terrell, and come to the city in an empty wagon to take furniture to the country home. The wagon was high and the boys were swift at that point, and as the wagon entered the stream the body was washed off, carrying Clarence and Luther into the river.

Terrell held the lines, and was drawn to the bank by the horses. The two boys were seen dashed in each other's arms, being swept along by the current. A gasoline boat was taken to the scene, and parties searched along the banks without success. The parents are almost bereft of reason by grief over the loss of their sons.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

Commonwealth's Attorney Will Seek Cause of Mysterious Death.

COLONIAL BEACH, Va., January 1.—Commonwealth's Attorney Baker announced to-day that he would investigate the death of Charles T. Henry, a Spanish War veteran, who was found dead last Saturday morning in the same room and shot in the same way as was John Vogt, a baker, last April. Both men were found shot through the right side of the chest, and the bullet entered the home of Mrs. Annie Vogt, the baker's wife. The coroner's jury was unable to agree on a verdict, and the papers were turned over to the Commonwealth's attorney.

When Vogt was found dead his hands were folded over his chest, and he was lying on his stomach. Vogt and his wife, the latter an attractive woman about thirty-two years old, conducted a bakery at this place. A week after Vogt's death Henry moved from the hotel here to the Vogt home, and attended to part of the work in the Vogt bakery.

IS OUT ON BAIL.

Liverman Accused of Theft from Governor's Office.

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NORFOLK, Va., January 1.—Martin Westbrook, a Portsmouth liverman, arrested yesterday on the charge of directing the larceny of brass from the Navy yard by the use of a false key, was released on \$2,500 bond. The charge was made by the United States Commissioner Percy S. Stephenson at 4 P. M., Monday, January 1.

Mr. Westbrook, it is declared, only hired his wagons in the yard, and was personally in charge of them while the brass was being removed. There is said to be no evidence that Mr. Westbrook sold the brass. No brass was found in his possession.

Site Is Selected.

LEXINGTON, Va., January 1.—The site for the Lexington post-office building, for which an appropriation of \$50,000 has been made by Congress, has been selected by the War Department.

The choice fell to his lot. The price paid to the government by Mr. White was \$7,500. The lot is located at the intersection of Nelson Street and Jackson Street, and is a commanding location. The situation is two squares from the depot, three squares from the courthouse and one square from the University. It is immediately across the street from the old Ann Smith Academy lot, on which the town of Lexington was founded.

Woodmen Elect Officers.

FORD, Va., January 1.—Camp No. 1255, Modern Woodmen of America, held its monthly meeting at its hall, Church street, last night, and elected the following officers: Consul, W. H. Hardy; Adviser, E. C. Spain; Banker, Hardy; Clerk, J. D. Hamner; Secretary, W. H. Hardy.

Will Let Contract.

BRISTOL, Va., January 1.—The contract for the construction of a fireproof government building at Johnson City, Tenn., will be awarded on January 1. The government has appropriated \$55,000 for this purpose. Smith & Wilson, Bristol contractors, are among those bidding for the contract.

Boydton Notes.

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BOYDTON, Va., January 1.—Last night the order of Masons gave a banquet at the Exchange Hotel, which was well attended.

The public schools, which have been closed for the past ten days, will resume next week. There are twenty-two teachers employed in Boydton School District.

Accepts the Result.

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ROANOKE, Va., January 1.—The Citizens' Anti-Local Option League issued a statement last night, saying that after having made a clean, honest and fair fight, in which a majority decided in favor of abolishing the local option law, they were glad that the results may develop for the best interests of the city, and that the good people of Roanoke may have no cause to regret the result.

Annual Banquet.

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EMPORIA, Va., January 1.—The annual banquet of Emporia Lodge, No. 223, F. O. C., was held to-night at the Central Hotel, Emporia, at which a large number of Odd-Fellows were present. Toasts were responded to by Dr. J. L. Carter, of Emporia, Hon. Leo Varrall, the Rev. Hugh Smith and Rev. Fred G. Davis and Past Grand Master M. J. Squire. Past Grand J. D. Stehman acted as toastmaster.

A New Industry.

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BRISTOL, Va., January 1.—C. R. Schaff will begin the operation of a mattress factory here at once. He has decided to establish this new industry in Bristol, and has secured the necessary capital for the purpose.

Troubled Is Settled.

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ASHLAND, Va., Jan. 1.—The long-pending trouble between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the town of Ashland, as a result of which Ashland was settled by an ordinance passed last night at a meeting of the town council.

Marriage License Issued.

SPOTSVILANIA, Va., January 1.—A marriage license was issued to-day to Mr. John Warner and Miss Lizzie Satterlee, both of Spotsylvania county.

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His Dead Body Found by Bloodhounds Near That of His Quarry.

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DANVILLE, Va., January 1.—Another effort was made to-day by the attorney for W. B. Samuel to secure a new trial, when affidavits were submitted before the Corporation Court, Judge A. M. Alken presiding, and signed by D. G. George and G. T. McFarland, declaring that J. L. Wells, one of the jurors, was murdered, and that the attorney for the defense, for making the charge, declares that he is the victim of a conspiracy to defame his character.

ELOPEES ARRESTED.

Ninth Wife of Man Takes Affinity from

BRISTOL, Va., January 1.—Sam Collier and Mrs. Lillie Jones, who eloped from Big Stone Gap, Va., were arrested here to-day.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John

James P. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. John

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spencer, Mr. and

Mr. Edwin G. Penn, Dr. and Mrs. C.

Mr. Wm. H. Hattie, Nellie and Catharine

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